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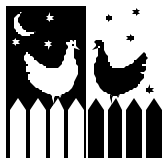
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trading in shipping channels was limited on whole product with the undertone no better than steady. On local markets, trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was seasonal with retail interest centered on holiday items. Food service interest slowed from early week, but was still reported in a range of fair to good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were occasionally balanced to readily available with heavier sizes often priced competitively to help clear inventories. In the parts structure, trading was light. Boneless skinless breast were fully adequate, bone-in breasts were readily available with discounting noted to stimulate movement, party wings were in the best position and often reported as short of full needs. Other part items were unsettled but adequate for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights trending desirable to heavy.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 63.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on December 20, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.50
BREASTS - B/S	127.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50
LEG QUARTERS	28.50
WINGS	86.50

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**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were at least adequate, however, the heavier sizes were fully adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light and unaggressive. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained readily available. Thighs were ample. Wings ranged balanced to adequate.

**MIDWEST** Whole fryer market tone was barely steady. Additional whole birds and Wogs offerings were fully sufficient for the limited trade interest. Movement into retail accounts as expected with seasonal buying patterns noted. Food service demand was light to fairly good, best into fast food and catering operations. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were desirable to heavy. In the parts complex, trading activity was very light with wings continuing to provide best interest. Supplies of breast items were fully adequate to ample, wings in balance and dark meat items adequate to fully adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and about steady on the balance of items.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally about steady. Retail demand was seasonally light, best for feature activity. Food service was fair, with best interest into fast food outlets and restaurants. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Bone-in breast were readily available and slow to clear. The balance of parts was at least adequate for immediate needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN** The market tone was about steady. Offerings were fully adequate for current needs. Small sizes in the closest position. There were some reports that difficulties in securing transportation could arise due to the holiday. Retail demand was fairly good overall with some stores featuring parts and whole body along side traditional holiday meat items. Floor stocks adequate.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 12/15/01	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	184,558	179,814	+03
CHICKS PLACED	146,869	144,833	+01
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	204,921	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	164,429	-	-

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 15, 2001. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 15, 2001 were 7.30 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 15, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 26-Jan-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 151.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.70 CENTS PER POUND.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	912	105.00-170.00	120-125	122.06
TENDERLOINS	90	105.00-199.00	110-115	138.58
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	58.00-64.00	59-60	58.65
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	32.50-48.00	33-35	33.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	21.00-27.00	21-22	21.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	23.00-31.00	25-26	25.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	85.00-88.00	-	87.12
WINGS (CUT)	437	94.00-110.00	96-100	99.00
DRUMSTICKS	48	44.00-49.00	-	45.21
THIGHS	62	42.00-50.00	-	45.26
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	842	105.00-170.00	120-128	125.86
TENDERLOINS	160	105.00-199.00	110-115	128.26
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	58.00-61.00	59-60	58.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	32.50-48.00	-	33.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	21.00-27.00	21-22	21.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,320	23.00-31.00	24-26	25.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	318	84.00-88.00	85-87	86.78
WINGS (CUT)	387	94.00-109.00	95-99	98.61
DRUMSTICKS	27	45.00-49.00	-	46.04
THIGHS	37	43.00-50.00	-	43.38
B/S THIGHS	45	84.00-90.00	-	86.67

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 43.50	39.93	39.00 - 44.00	40.27	39.95

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was about fair during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, and bone-in breasts were increasingly available with sharp discounting noted to entice buyers. Thighs were ample and the balance of dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings ranged balanced to sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels seasonally light to fair at best. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings, barely steady to weak on thighs and bone-in breasts, and no better than steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES  
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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	122.95	232,570
TENDERLOINS	100	102.39	76,025
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	60.70	175,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	53.29	145,440
LEGS	37-38	40.29	155,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	25.18	387,426
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	42.01	81,470
THIGHS	29-30	37.73	70,580
B/S THIGHS	86-87	85.52	37,030
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	89.01	293,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.80	36,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.29	10,190
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.20	21,600

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	119.77	351,760
TENDERLOINS	100	104.98	37,870
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	57.90	211,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	48.38	149,200
LEGS	37-38	41.87	139,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	26.23	282,651
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.79	118,190
THIGHS	28-29	32.28	91,900
B/S THIGHS	86-87	79.90	90,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	90.99	363,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	42,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.66	15,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.01	22,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/19	12/18	12/17	12/14	12/12
ALA	4,033	4,081	3,995	4,024	5.13
ARK	5,347	5,114	5,244	5,720	5.01
DELMARVA	1,829	2,050	2,276	2,209	5.27
KY-LA-TN	1,915	1,803	1,903	1,728	4.55
MISS	2,528	2,630	2,903	2,778	5.04
NC	2,357	2,601	2,483	2,584	6.04
TEXAS	2,408	2,243	2,410	2,370	5.01
TOTAL	20,417	20,522	21,214	21,413	5.14
MON-WED 62,352(A)					4.99
					20,996
					5.16

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Dec 01 and is estimated to be 30,546,000 down 3.05 percent from a week ago and down 0.1 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 31,507,000; last year 30,581,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	93-94
DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-113
DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	98
DRY PACK	91
DUCKS	152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING DEC 22-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/22/01 (1)	12/15/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	164,532 (2)	161,555
LT HENS	2,117	2,119
HVY HENS	1,468	1,505
CHECK TOTAL	168,117	165,179

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Dec-01 is 145.7 million head compared to 150.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.9 million head or 19.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 29-Dec-01 the estimated available is 141.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 17-Dec-01	73,020	81,589
AM 1-Dec-01	69,047	73,444
CHG	3,973	8,145
PCT CHG	6	11

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/17/01	12/10/01	12/18/00	12/17/01	12/10/01	12/18/00
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	5,216	5,746	6,231	3,142	3,127	7,222
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	178	206	119	1,559	1,733	2,022

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2001

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-68

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 12/18/01			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.30	.68
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.90	1.75	1.20
BANTAMS lb.	.40	1.05	.68
BROILERS lb.	-	.40	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	.25
PULLETS lb.	-	1.55	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.25	.93
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.55	1.60	.94
DUCKS lb.	.30	1.25	.55
RABBITS lb.	1.20	2.20	1.54
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 149

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending December 14, 2001

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	52.99	129.97	74.98	20.00	20.00
High	57.49	139.97	84.98	24.99	24.99
Mostly	54.99	129.97	79.98	20.00	24.99
<b>SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	63.99	134.97	79.98	27.49	15.00
High	67.49	139.97	89.98	37.49	20.00
Mostly	67.49	134.97	84.98	32.49	16.50
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	51.99	124.97	74.98	15.00	20.00
High	56.99	134.97	79.98	24.99	24.99
Mostly	54.99	129.97	79.98	20.00	20.00
<b>BECERRA</b>					
Low	64.49	129.97	84.98	29.99	15.00
High	67.99	139.97	94.98	39.99	20.00
Mostly	65.99	137.47	89.98	32.49	16.50

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally quiet as buyer interest centered on other items for the upcoming holiday period.

Offerings were ample, particularly on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavier than desired. Processing schedules were very light with some plants closed to keep production in better balance with needs. Most plants planned operations on the upcoming Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Wings were in good balance. Bone-in breasts and leg quarters were readily available. Other cuts were at least adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	43-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.80
NO. OF BOXES	10,424

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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